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Memorandum of Conversation

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SUBJECT: Venezuelan Interest in Essequibo Region of Guyana

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Mr. Horan telephoned me today to inquire if I had any information concerning a reported movement by U.S. citizens and Cubans into the Essequibo Region of Guyana. I replied that I did not.

Mr. Horan said that information reaching the Venezuelan Embassy indicates that there is a current influx into a sector known as "Matthew's Ridge". He understood that it is sponsored by the "Peoples' Disciples Movement" and that an eventual total of 4,000 immigrants is contemplated.

Mr. Horan had no other pertinent information, and I told him that I was totally uninformed in the premises.

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